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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

ALIREZA ZARE, Derivatively on Behalf of
IDEANOMICS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ZHENG WU, SHANE McMAHON, ALFRED
POOR, YANG CHAO, JAMES S. CASSANO,
STEVEN FADEM, HARRY EDELSON,
JERRY FAN, and JOHN WALLACE,

Defendants

and,

IDEANOMICS, INC., a Nevada corporation,

Nominal Defendant.

Case No. 3:20-CV-00608-MMD-WGC

**JOINT STIPULATION AND
[PROPOSED] ORDER TEMPORARILY
STAYING CASE**

Action Filed: October 27, 2020

Plaintiff Alireza Zare (“Plaintiff”) and nominal defendant Ideanomics, Inc. (the “Company”), and defendants Zheng Wu, Shane McMahon, Alfred Poor, Yang Chao, James S. Cassano, Harry Edelson, Steven Fadem, Harry Edelson, Jerry Fan, and John Wallace, (collectively, the “Individual Defendants,” and together with the Company, “Defendants”), agree and stipulate as follows:

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, Plaintiff filed a shareholder derivative complaint (the “Complaint”) in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada (hereinafter “Derivative Action”). Plaintiff alleges that the Complaint is “brought in the right, and for the benefit, of the Company against certain of its officers and directors seeking to remedy the Individual Defendants’ alleged breach of fiduciary duties, gross mismanagement and for contribution under Sections 10(b) and 21D of the Exchange Act” (ECF No. 1 at 2:4-9);

WHEREAS, several related securities putative class actions were previously filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, captioned *Rudani v. Ideanomics, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:19-cv-06741, *Lundy v. Ideanomics, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-04944, and *Kim v. Ideanomics, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-05203, (collectively the “Securities Class Actions”);

WHEREAS, Defendants anticipate filing a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim in the Securities Class Actions;

WHEREAS, this Derivative Action and the Securities Class Actions are premised upon overlapping alleged conduct, and the claims and defenses in the Derivative Action may be informed by resolution of the motion to dismiss in the Securities Class Actions; and

WHEREAS, in order ensure economy of time and effort for the Court, for counsel, and for litigants, Plaintiff and Defendants have agreed that, in light of the overlap between the Derivative Action and the Securities Class Actions, that the Derivative Action should be temporarily stayed on the terms set forth below unless and until either of the Parties to this Stipulation gives a fifteen (15) days’ notice that they no longer consent to the voluntary stay of the Derivative Action.

1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by the Parties and their undersigned
2 counsel as follows:

3 1. Defendants hereby accept service of the summons and complaint filed in the
4 Derivative Action.

5 2. All proceedings in this Derivative Action, including all deadlines, hearings and
6 conferences, shall be temporarily stayed until either Party gives fifteen (15) days' notice in writing
7 (an email is considered a writing) that they no longer consent to the voluntary stay of the Derivative
8 Action.

9 3. Defendants shall make best efforts to promptly notify Plaintiff of any related
10 derivative lawsuits or any related demand letters or books and records proceedings by other
11 shareholders of the Company of which they become aware.

12 4. The Parties agree that if the plaintiff in any related derivative lawsuit refuses to
13 agree to a stay under similar terms or refuses to agree to a continuation of a stay under similar
14 terms, Plaintiff may lift the agreed stay upon ten (10) days' notice in writing.

15 5. The Parties agree that during the pendency of this stay, Defendants shall make best
16 efforts to include Plaintiff in any mediation or settlement discussions with the plaintiffs in the
17 Securities Class Actions and shall include Plaintiff in any mediation or settlement discussions with
18 any purported plaintiff in any related derivative lawsuit, demand proceeding or any other related
19 books and records demand proceeding. If any other party objects to including Plaintiff in any
20 mediation, then Defendants agree to attempt to separately mediate with Plaintiff at or about the
21 same time.

22 6. In the event that Defendants agree to produce, or any of them are ordered to produce
23 by a court of competent jurisdiction, any documents pursuant to a related books and records request
24 to any holder or beneficial owner of the Company's stock, or documents are produced to the
25 plaintiffs in the Securities Class Actions or in any other related shareholder derivative litigation or
26 demand proceeding, then copies of such documents shall also be provided to counsel for Plaintiff
27 within twenty-five (25) days, subject to the execution by counsel for Plaintiff of an appropriate
28 confidentiality agreement governing the use and disclosure of these materials.

7. During the pendency of the stay, Plaintiff may file an amended complaint, but
Defendants need not answer, move, or otherwise respond thereto during the pendency of the stay.

8. Upon termination of the stay, Defendants shall not move to stay this
Derivative Action in deference to another derivative action. Nothing in this provision

1 shall limit Defendants from filing a motion to transfer or consolidate the Derivative
2 Action with any other action or to another venue.

3 9. Upon occurrence of any of (1) the dismissal of the Securities Class Actions, with
4 prejudice, by its court, and exhaustion of all appeals related thereto; or (2) the denial of any motion
5 to dismiss the Securities Class Actions; then the Parties shall, within twenty (20) days, meet and
6 confer on the next steps to be taken in the Derivative Action and notify the Court via a joint status
7 report within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of either of these events mentioned in this
8 paragraph as to the Parties' proposal(s) on the next steps to be taken in the Derivative Action.

9 10. All deadlines, hearings, or conferences currently scheduled shall be postponed until
10 the date and time that will be specified in any proposed scheduling order to be hereafter submitted
11 by the Parties pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, or as otherwise set by the Court.

12 11. The Parties expressly preserve, and do not waive, any and all claims, rights and
13 defenses, objections and arguments in the Derivative Action, except as to sufficiency of service of
14 process.

15 12. The Parties expressly agree that the voluntary stay of the Derivative Action is
16 without any prejudice, including without prejudice to either Party's right to file any forthcoming
17 motions.

18 Dated: December 4, 2020

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20 Dated: December 4, 2020

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21 By: /s/ Matthew L. Sharp
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23 **IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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25 DATED: December 7, 2020

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27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE